

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the Office Action.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested edits to the claims and specification. All of the suggested edits have been made, in addition to other edits shown above which have been made to correct other typographical errors in the document and to correct improper multiple dependent claims. None of the amendments or edits set forth above introduces new matter.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-4, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 22, 24, 26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims, as shown above, to address the Examiner's concerns. In particular, Applicants have canceled claims 2, 3, 16, 17, and 28. The phrase "cycloalkynyl" has been deleted from claim 4. Claim 9 has been amended to clarify the phrase "polar group."

With respect to claim 10, Applicants submit that R^9 is defined in claim 1 and includes a methylene group adjacent to X' that links X' to an additional group. R^9 does not include an open valence. Applicants submit that claim 10 is, in all respects, a proper dependent claim.

Claim 12 has been amended to clarify the identified groups. Claim 23 has also been amended to clarify referenced group R^{100} . Claim 26 has been amended to clarify the referenced groups.

Claims 22 and 24 were rejected without an explanation of the grounds for rejection. Applicants submit that amended claims 22 and 24 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter and are therefore not indefinite.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement for the preparation and use of compounds wherein the hydrocarbyl is cycloalkynyl group. As noted above, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the reference to "cycloalkynyl group," and submit that the amendment removes the grounds for rejection.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1-7, 10, 12-15, 26, 29, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Uckun et. al. (U.S. 6,258,820). In particular, the Examiner asserts that compounds P-133 and P-215 read on Applicants' formula (I). Applicants have incorporated the limitations of certain cancelled claims into claim 1 and submit that the Uckun et. al. compounds do not teach or suggest the compounds of claim 1, as amended. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

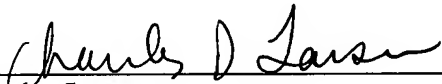
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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